



EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



***WHEREAS**, the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Volleyball Miners team earned its first-ever NCAA Tournament bid in December 2024, a significant milestone in the program; and*

***WHEREAS**, on October 19, UTEP became the first Division 1 team to reach 20 wins in the 2024 season, posted an impressive 27-5 overall record, and achieved a program-best 38 RPI ranking; and*

***WHEREAS**, UTEP won 13 straight games in 2024, setting a new win streak record; the team also won 20 straight regular season home matches at Club Memorial over the course of two seasons; and*

***WHEREAS**, they were 14-1 on their way to the finals of the National Invitational Volleyball Championship in 2023, which saw them sell out three consecutive home games; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year, UTEP claimed the Southwest Showdown Tournament title with an unbeaten 3-0 record, securing three consecutive victories at Memorial Gym in September; and*

***WHEREAS**, UTEP Volleyball has seen a surge in fan support since 2022, with record-breaking attendance figures highlighting the team's growing popularity; and*

***WHEREAS**, UTEP Volleyball's Kaya Weaver has been named an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Honorable Mention, as well as Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year; Kalia Kohler, Madison Hill, Sara Pustahija, and Ema Uskokovic were named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District® Team, recognizing their academic and athletic achievements during the 2024 season; and*

***WHEREAS**, UTEP Volleyball's Mattie Gantt and Kalia Kohler were named Conference USA's Co-Setters of the Week for three consecutive weeks in the 2024 season; and*

***WHEREAS**, UTEP Volleyball's Head Coach Ben Wallis and his staff have led the team to historic performances and garnered widespread recognition for their efforts; and*

***WHEREAS**, the UTEP Volleyball team has given El Paso an opportunity to witness greatness on the court, and team members have shown their appreciation for the community by hosting youth program camps for El Paso students and by volunteering with local organizations;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that the UTEP Volleyball team is hereby recognized and commended for its historic accomplishments and exemplary representation of the El Paso community on a national stage, and that Monday Feb. 3 is hereby declared UTEP Volleyball Miners Day in El Paso County, Texas.*

SIGNED, this 3rd day of February 2025

Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego